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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 2327 Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action of July 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:



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COMMENTS:

Per our telephone conversation of September 27, 2002, enclosed is a draft Amendment in response to the Official Action of July 4, 2002 on the above-identified application. Please review the draft for a telephone interview. Tentatively, you plan to call me in the afternoon of October 2, 2002 to conduct the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Gamson

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